

New learning center to help students master math, science courses

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Though it is still in the finishing stages of construction, the new Math-Science Learning Center will soon be up and running. Originally planned to open Sept. 4, construction was delayed due to contractor and conception hang-ups.

Located on the first floor of the Durham Science Center, the lab is now available for students.

"The function is to support the success of students in math and science," said director of the lab, Dana Richter-Egger. "It's not just for those majors though, it's to help all of the students."

One of the many services MSLC offers



When completed, the Math-Science Learning Center will offer drop-in tutoring, study groups and computer stations.

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Student transported to hospital from dorms



An ambulance, firetruck and three police squad cars responded to campus for a report of a sick student.

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Emergency workers responded at approximately 9:45 p.m. on Sunday for a report of a student feeling sick at the Scott Village dormitories.

Residents were asked to leave the area as three police squad cars, an ambulance and a fire truck made their way to Scott Village Building A. UNO Campus Security also responded.

"She was sick, she wasn't feeling good and she vomited," said Assistant Manager of Campus Security Paul Kosel.

Kosel said he could not comment on whether

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Remembering 9/11

Flags memorializing the American lives lost on Sept. 11, 2001, were placed in Memorial Park by the September 11th Connections, a local support group for family and friends who lost loved ones during the tragic attacks.

Faculty open new term with many appointments

Faculty Senate

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The first Faculty Senate meeting of the new academic year took place Wednesday afternoon in the Dodge Room of the Milo Bail Student Center. The senate appointed new committee members and discussed the parking situation.

Resolution 2866, which was passed unanimously, appointed Patti Meglich, assistant professor of marketing, and Richard Stacy, a health education professor, to three-year terms on the Educational Advisory Committee. Jeffrey Peake of Arts and Sciences was also elected to a one-year term to complete Tracy Bridgeford's term.

Amanda Randall, assistant professor of social work; Lisa Scherer,

associate professor psychology; Andrew Swift, assistant professor of math; and Laura Dickinson, associate professor in the library, were all appointed to three-year terms on the Judicial Committee.

Resolution 2867 resolved that Ann Coyne, professor of social work, would complete Deb Anderson's term on the University Committee on Research and Creative Activity.

The Rules Committee brought forward six names for ballot election by the Faculty Senate. Communications professor Marshall Prisbell was elected to replace Dale Krane for a three-year term.

Jack Heidel, from the Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare, was elected, to replace Stu Bernstein

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News You Can Use

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Swing, Ballroom, Latin dance lessons begin Sept. 16

Want to learn how to "Dance Like the Stars"? Campus Recreation and the Mav-Rec Wellness Stampede are teaming up to host Swing, Ballroom and Latin dance sessions beginning Sunday, Sept. 16.

All classes will be held in 230 Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building. The schedule and cost information is listed below.

Session One (Sundays): Sept. 16, 23 and Oct. 14, 28

Times: Swing - 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.; Ballroom/Latin - 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost: Activity cardholders, \$15 and \$13 for a friend; non-activity cardholders, \$18 and \$15 for a friend. Those wishing to take both classes should add \$5 per person per additional class.

To register, stop by 110 HPER. For more information, call Campus Recreation at 554-2539.

ITS announces SIS/E-BRUNO downtime

The University of Nebraska mainframe, which houses the UNO Student Information Services system, will be upgraded this month. The upgrade will take place on Sunday, Sept. 16, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. During this time, SIS, E-BRUNO, SAP and WebFOCUS will be unavailable. Notices will be posted on the home pages of all services that are affected to inform users of the interruption of service. Please contact ITS at 4-HELP (4357) if you have any questions.

Student government elections just around corner

Student government elections are a great opportunity for students to get involved, learn what campaigning is all about and meet a bunch of people. To apply for class or college

senator visit sgnuno.unomaha.edu.

For president/vice president packets: Pick up in the student government office, first floor of the Student Center 8 a.m. through 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Applications are due Sept. 17, no later than noon.

Career Exploration and Outreach Job Fair

The UNO Fall Job Fair will take place on Sept. 25 and Sept. 26 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom.

The two day event will allow students to network with employers from various industries. Sept. 25 will be primarily dedicated to organizations that are non-profit, government, healthcare and university related.

The next day will be reserved for those organizations that are for-profit. You may view the list of employers that will be attending by visiting unoceo.unomaha.edu. Plan to dress in professional attire and bring copies of your resume.

Online program, 'Preventing Sexual Harassment'

In an effort to support UNO's commitment to maintain a positive, productive work environment that is free from any form of harassment or bias, the Office of Diversity continues to offer an online professional development program, "Preventing Sexual Harassment."

Located on the Web at newmedialearning.com/psh/unomaha/index.htm, the program will take approximately 45 minutes to complete.

"Preventing Sexual Harassment" is an active learning process that enables you to review materials at your own leisure in a practical and convenient way," said Sharon Ulmar, director of the Office of Diversity and coordinator of the program. "The program is located on the Web with accessibility 24 hours a day."

For more information, contact Ulmar at 554-2872 or sulmar@mail.unomaha.edu.

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alcohol was involved in the incident.

Kosel also confirmed that the incident did not make the university's crime log because the incident was not of a criminal nature. An incident report was filed but had not been provided to the *Gateway* by press time Wednesday.

The unidentified student was conscious and sitting up in the stretcher as she was loaded into the awaiting ambulance and taken to Bergen Mercy Hospital.

A fire department official on the scene said the cause of her illness was unknown at the scene, but that she was "going to be all right."

Resident Director Courtney Sandberg was at the scene but declined comment. Neither Sandberg nor Resident Director Mallory Masterson returned messages. Proper Manager Jonathan Orlich also declined comment.

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as representative for a one-year term.

The senate then elected two members to the UNO Professional Conduct Committee. Four nominees were on the ballot and, after the voting was done, Jeanette Seaberry, the chair of the counseling department, and Robert Woody, a professor of psychology, were chosen for the committee.

The senate then focused on discussing the climate at UNO for women and people of color. A representative from the Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare said studies were being done, including one on the ability to gain tenure and promotion.

"The Professional Development committee is also considering a 'Dialogue' grant from the Ford Foundation that would ultimately encourage discussion from all parties regarding tenure and promotion decisions," states the senate's agenda. "This has been called the 'Stop the Silence' approach to open discussion."

Faculty senate members also discussed the parking situation on campus.

With many of the construction projects running behind schedule already, the senate members were concerned delays would last much longer than planned.

It was also asked during the meeting why the Strategic Planning Steering Committee had not addressed the issue of parking and many members believed inadequate focus had been brought to the problem.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be Oct. 10, in the student center's Dodge Room at 2 p.m.

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also partnered with Metro Community College to provide its learning centers.

Richter-Egger stressed the importance of the center and its connection to UNO faculty members.

"We're only going to be successful if we're well connected to the faculty," he said. "We want to support them. We're just here as an advocate."

Senior John Harnisch, who serves as a tutor at MSLC, agreed.

"Our professors are excellent, but they don't always have time to work with every student in their classes," he said. "We can fill that role."

Though the hours are not yet firmly established, MSLC will be open daily and students will be able to stop by to receive the help they need.

"The more often students are in here the better," said Richter-Egger.

For more information, MSLC expects to have a Web site up in the near future at unomaha.edu/mslc.

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Tired of living off chips and energy drinks? A few simple changes can spice up your menu

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DALLAS (MCT) — Preheat oven to 350. Warm over medium heat. Bring water to a boil. Simple?

For a first-time cook, these instructions can be intimidating, especially for a college student away from home. Textbooks teach chemistry and anatomy, but there's no school-sanctioned guide on how to prepare a meal.

Not to worry, said executive chef and general manager James Reichstadt of Main Street Bread Baking Co. Cooking isn't scary. He teaches courses aimed at teens and young adults at Market Street in McKinney, Texas.

"A lot of the time they are just afraid of the fact they are dealing with fire and sharp metal," Reichstadt said. "You can't really do anything wrong. The recipe is a guide. It's not the end-all, be-all."

Experimentation and ease of preparation are common themes in cookbooks geared toward the college crowd, including *College Cooking: Feeding Yourself and Your Friends* (Ten Speed Press, \$20) and *The Real College Cookbook* (Outskirts Press, \$10), both published since the beginning of last school year.

The overall message is clear: You can do it. More importantly, you should, students say.

"It was definitely a little intimidating at first," said Jared Thompson, a 19-year-old business major at Texas A&M University in College Station. "Then you realize cooking isn't all that hard. It is nerve-racking not having anyone to help and tell you what to do."

It gets easier, Thompson said.

After two courses with Reichstadt this summer and a couple last year, he's more sure of his skills but admits he's far from an expert. There was the incident last year when he left a tea kettle on the stove too long. He ended up burning off the paint. When he tried to remove the kettle, it was stuck to the burner.

But nothing he's tried to cook has caught fire, he added.

Reichstadt's "Moving On Out" cooking class series was aimed at students in college, people just out of college or those moving into their first place. The students come with a general sense of what to do, Reichstadt said. After they learn the details, they usually realize it's easier than they thought.

"A lot of the fear goes away," he said.

Spurred by the popularity of television cooking shows that demonstrate how easy it is to prepare a meal, more students are cooking, Reichstadt said. It often means healthier dishes, especially if college students are using fresh produce instead of ordering a pizza.

"I think there's a desire to get back to doing it yourself," he said. "More people want a greater knowledge of what is going into their bodies."

Whitney Brock, a 19-year-old studying pre-med at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, said she plans to cook more this school year, her first in an apartment. Her residence hall last year had a kitchen, but she rarely used it.

"Dorm food is not bad at first," she said. "But it gets mundane and the same. I am really excited to try a bunch of different things. I know it won't be perfect, but hopefully I'll get better."

She plans to "keep practicing," which experts say is the secret to cooking well.

Cassie Noble, a 19-year-old kinesiology major at Texas A&M, said she's relieved to know that she can add and subtract from recipes to make them better. If a recipe doesn't work, she can fix it.

"Don't be afraid to try something. If you mess up, don't worry about it," she said. "Go in there, have fun with it and don't think of it as a task or chore."

Will she be heeding her own advice?

"I'm ready to give it a shot and see how it goes," she said.

But is it good for you? Some college standards are better than others.

Sometimes, there just isn't enough time to cook a healthy meal. I've cooked for myself often enough to know when it is more practical to eat out.

Here's a list of things I ate, in moderation, during my recent stint as a student. They aren't bad in a pinch, just not advisable for constant consumption.

Kim Pierce, the Taste section's nutrition watchdog and mother of a University of Texas student who cooks, weighs in, too.

Ramen Noodles

Probably the least expensive college food, coming in for less than 25 cents a package most of the time. It is also high in sodium. If it's all that fits the budget, it's a way to fill up.

Kim says: Not just tons of sodium, but also tons of fat. They're fried before they're dried. Better to eat a PB and J.

Macaroni & Cheese

All too often, I came home to find myself without the needed milk. Note: Macaroni and cheese isn't the same without milk.

Kim says: Mostly carbs and fake cheese. Could you add a bagged salad?

Fast Food

In graduate school, I lived down the street from two fast-food restaurants. The temptation to grab a No. 2 from McDonald's was too great some days. Don't become dependent on fast food.

Kim says: The slippery slope of poor nutrition. Frozen dinners such as Healthy Choice and Lean Cuisine are better.

Frozen Burritos

Notice a trend in these eats? They are all inexpensive. A bag of 12 frozen burritos costs about \$3 and makes for at least a week of dinners. They are great for microwaving, but not so great to serve to guests. I offered my brother one when he visited. He kind of looked at me funny and said, "You eat those?"

Kim says: With flour tortillas, canned refried beans and

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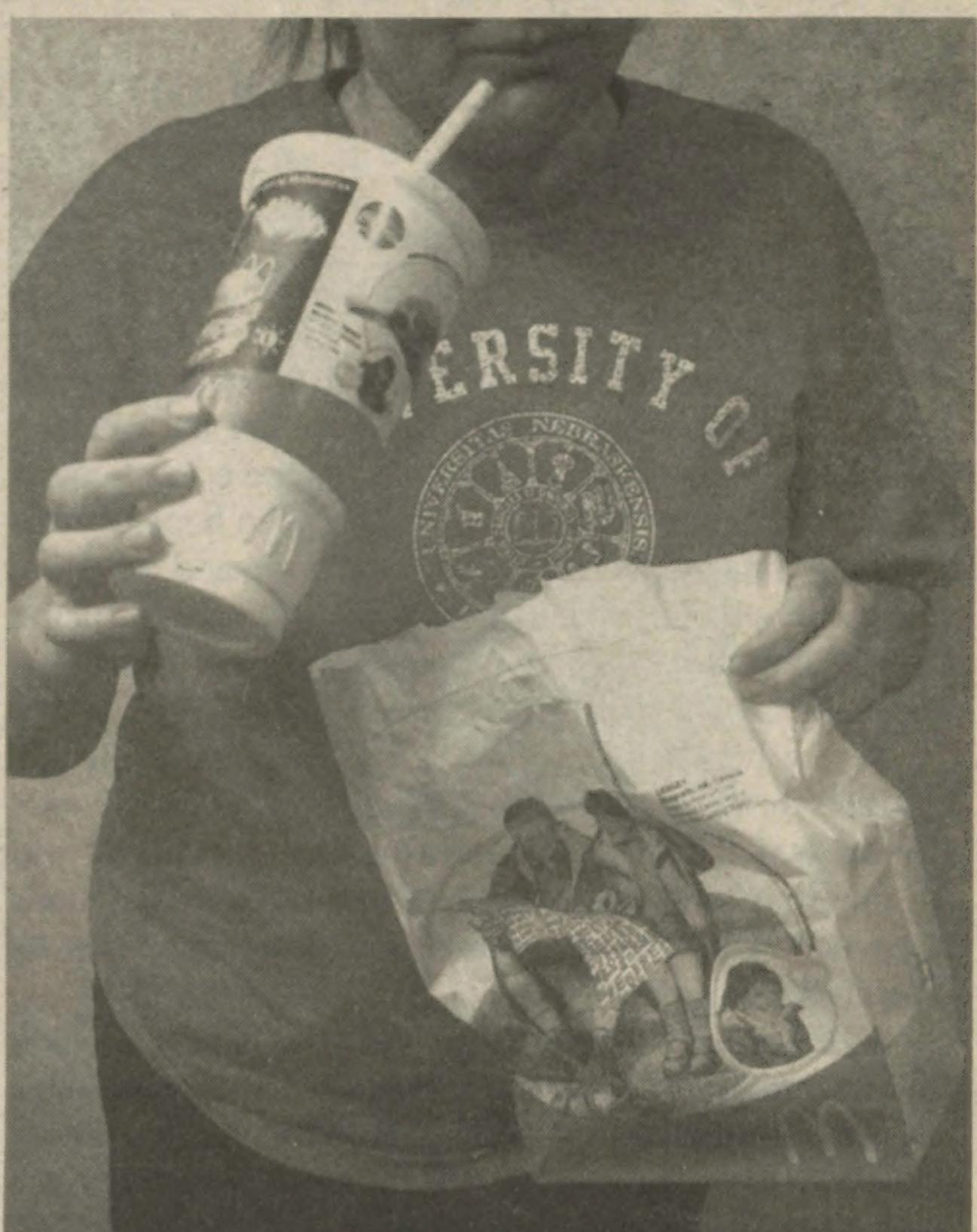


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Fatty foods, like fast food, should be avoided because they are a slippery slope of poor nutrition.

hot sauce, you can make your own on the cheap.

Pizza

For about \$10, a small pizza can satisfy cravings for days. For two years, I practically lived on pizza and pasta.

Kim says: If you skip the meats, load up on veggies and downplay the cheese, pizza can work. Opt for thin-crust when possible.

Sugary Cereals

No, not just for breakfast. I got through studying for a rough anatomy final my first semester of college with the help of Lucky Charms and Corn Pops. I got a B in the class; I credit the sugar rush. My results aren't typical. My study buddy got a D despite the cereal-induced sugar euphoria.

Kim says: Cereal can be good if it contains whole grains, such as Cheerios or oatmeal. If the first ingredient is sugar, don't buy it.

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The Academy Is, Armor for Sleep return to Omaha, shake up Sokol on Saturday night

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Bright lights burst on to a crowd of screaming fans and a low clapping rattles from the back of the room. A convulsion of camera flashes illuminate the entire concert hall, shielding drops of sweat running down hopeful faces watching William Beckett take total command of Sokol Auditorium. If you were there, you know what I'm talking about; if not, then you weren't one of the lucky fans at the The Academy Is... performance last Saturday night.

A few hundred fans, most of which were likely still in high school, attended the "Sleeping with Giants" tour. Omaha was the fourth stop on the tour, which will end its run in Chicago in late November. Opening bands Sherwood, The Rocket Summer and Armor for Sleep all helped kick off the show.

By the time I had arrived, California pop band Sherwood was wrapping up their set. Disappointed at missing most of their performance, I made my way through the crowd to hear their alluring single, "Song in My Head," which always seems to get caught in mine.

These guys were exceptionally energetic and fan friendly, a quality that often seems to dissipate with growing popularity. It was refreshing to see lead singer Nate Henry signing autographs and taking pictures before packing up his own equipment.

I may have missed Sherwood, but I was fortunate enough to arrive in time to see one of my favorite bands, The

RocketSummer, perform. The catchy pop-rock sensation played a free show at UNO last April. They returned to Omaha with more success and notoriety than before.

The band showed no signs of slowing down even after playing at this summer's Warped Tour. The Rocket Summer's performance showed why frontman Bryce Avary puts a new twist on the term singer/songwriter. Not only writing and performing his own music, Avary played almost all of the instruments for the band, most notably the piano and guitar.

Songs like "So Much Love" and "Break It Out" really got the crowd going.

Out of all these bands, the ladies seemed to adore this one the most. I'm not quite sure it was because of the unique talent of The Rocket Summer, but I am quite confident in saying that Avary's "boy next door" appearance certainly didn't hurt.

Armor for Sleep also returned to the metro after touring with The All-American Rejects last summer. Since then, two of their songs have been featured in blockbuster movies like 2006's *Snakes on a Plane* and this year's *Transformers*. The band returned with more of a rock sound and some clever guitar riffs which were apparent in their new song, "Smile for the Camera."

While I detected some shyness from them while addressing the audience, Armor for Sleep proved to be truly engaging on stage and even sharper dressers, donning ties and cardigans for the performance. Until their new album, *Smile for Them*, comes out on Oct. 23, hearing their new single live is going to have to tide me



photo by Andrea Barbe

The Academy Is..., led by frontman William Beckett, performed their first headlining show in the Sokol Auditorium on Sept. 8 along with The Rocket Summer and Armor for Sleep.

over.

And finally, after waiting for more than two years, The Academy Is... returned to the big O! The wonder boys last came to Omaha to perform a sold out show with Gym Class Heroes and Fall Out Boy at the Ranch Bowl. This time around, they were headlining and once again did not disappoint their fans.

Lead singer William Beckett strutted around on stage in tight, black leggings and a V-neck shirt, crooning classics like "Black Mamba" and "Slowdown," as well as "Neighbors" from their new album, *Santi*. The Academy Is... put a lot of effort in trying to identify with the crowd, making references to the Ranch Bowl and even the Husker's win that day. Beckett was entertaining to watch with his vivid expressions and clear passion for the music.

At the end of the night, with all the dedication and expertise each and every one of these bands expressed, it easily made for a truly memorable performance.

Cinematic adaptations of literature presented by Film Streams

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The Ruth Sokolof Theatre is the new hot spot for independent cinema in Omaha. The small, recently opened theater is located downtown on the corner of 14th and Webster streets. Spearheaded by Film Streams, a non-profit organization, the Ruth Sokolof Theatre shows first-run films such as American independents, documentaries, and foreign films, while also featuring repertory collections designed to increase appreciation for a variety of classic films and the styles they embody.

The first repertory collection shown by Film Streams was a 10-film collection selected by Omaha native Alexander Payne. Payne, the celebrated Omaha-born director of films like *Sideways* and *Election*, serves on the board of directors at Film Streams.

Casey Logan, communications coordinator for Film Streams, said he was pleased with the turnout of the theater's first series.

"The series has surpassed our expectations, as has our membership program," he noted.

The latest series to hit the screens of the Ruth Sokolof Theatre features 10 films adapted from novels. The "Adaptations" series kicked off Aug. 31 and will run until Oct. 4. It features many well-known big screen literary adaptations including *The Shining* and *Rosemary's Baby*. Logan is excited for the upcoming series.

"It's a cool series, in that it includes a wide variety of films," he said.

Today, following the 7 p.m. screening of *Naked Lunch*, Film Streams will host a panel discussion along with Omaha Lit Fest to explore how the art of a novel translates onto the silver screen. The moderator will be local novelist Timothy Schaffert.

Schaffert is the author of the critically acclaimed *Phantom Limbs of the Rollow Sisters*. Other members

of the panel will include Rivkah Sass from the Omaha Public Library as well as Gerald Shapiro, Debra Di Blasi and Ron Hogan.

Tickets are only \$6 for students and \$4 for Film Streams members. Logan encourages UNO Students to consider a membership, which costs \$35 and includes discounted ticket and concessions prices.

"As a non-profit, we depend on the support of our members, whose contributions make it possible for us to stay true to our mission," said Logan.

Running concurrently with the "Adaptations" series, Film Streams is also showing *Ghosts of Cite Soleil*, a documentary that explores the slums of Haiti. The film runs from Sept. 14 through Sept. 18, eventually making way for another documentary, *No End in Sight*, from director Charles Ferguson about the lead-up to the war in Iraq. *No End in Sight* runs from Sept. 21 through Sept. 27. Film Streams will also begin a series of director retrospectives in October featuring two films each from Preston Sturges and Billy Wilder. November will bring a series curated by Kurt Anderson, which centers on films with ties to Nebraska such as *Boys Town* and *Boys Don't Cry*.

A full calendar of upcoming events as well as volunteer and membership information can be found at www.filmsstreams.org.

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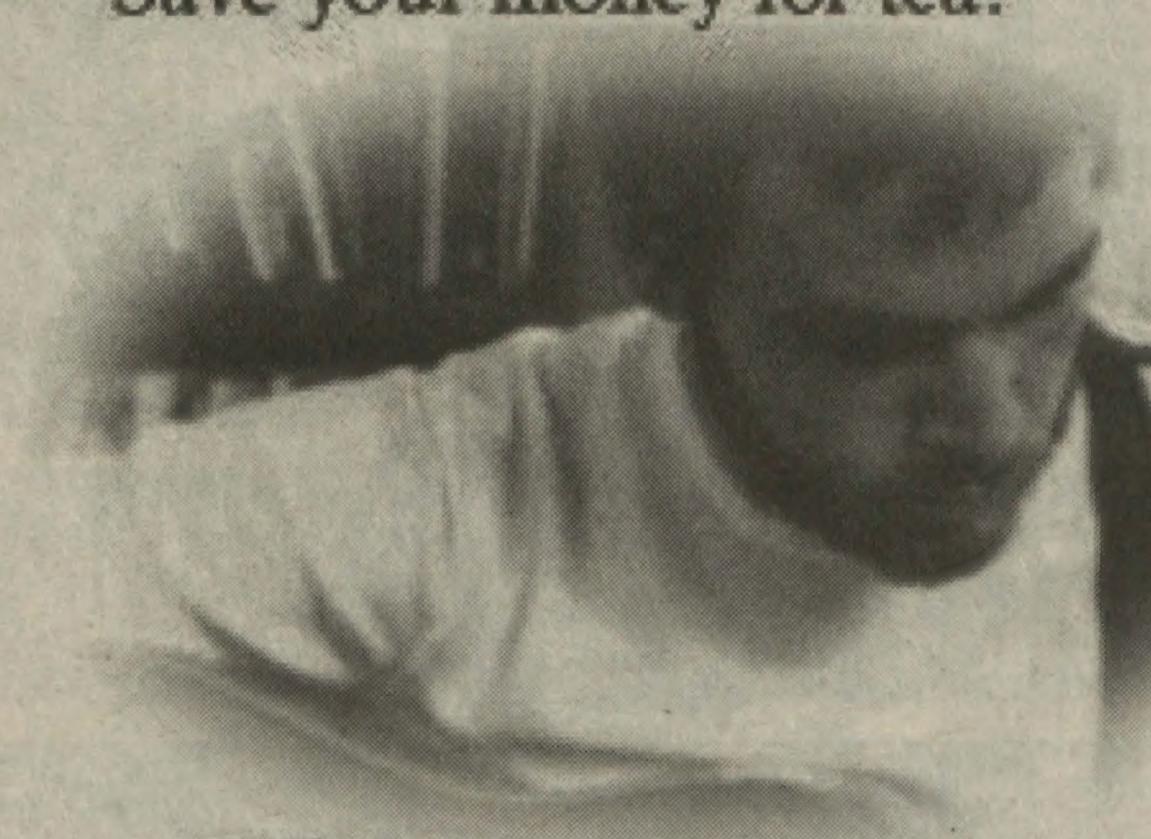
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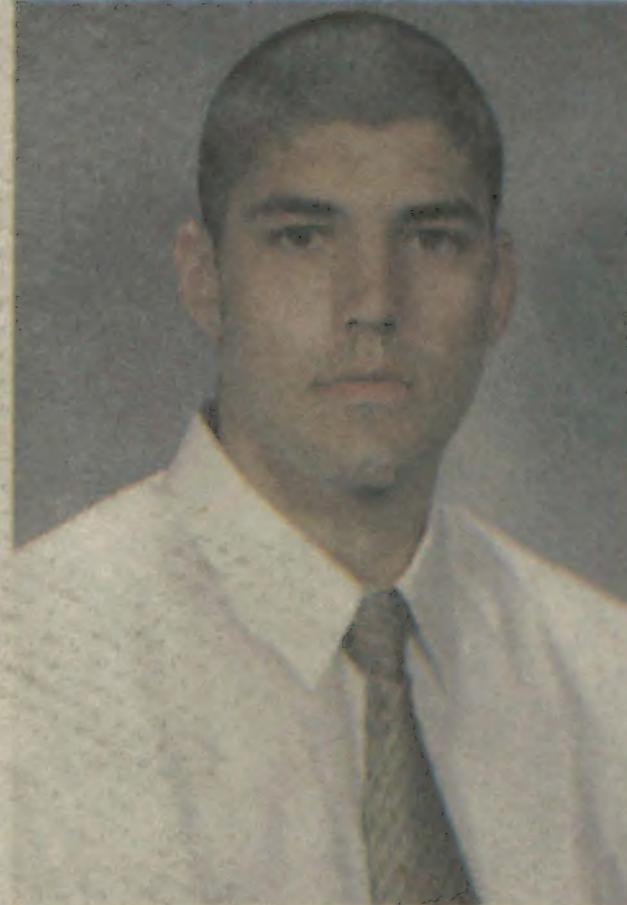
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Super Mavericks: The emergence of this season's stars

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Zach Miller, the face of UNO football
Position - quarterback Alias - the freak
Super power - x-ray vision
Equipped with - cannon arm

Scoop - An athlete turned polished passer, Miller always knows when to hurl it downfield and when to tuck it and run. In his signature win as a Maverick starter last Saturday night, he totaled 322 offensive yards, threw for a touchdown, and punched in the winning score on a quarterback sneak late in the fourth quarter. With a national championship on his mind, he may not realize what kind of numbers he's putting up. Only a junior, Miller could realistically reach 3,000 career passing yards, 2,000 career rushing yards and 45 career touchdowns as a Maverick; all would be legendary numbers.

Arch-nemesis - South Dakota Coyotes - Since Miller's been a part of the roster, South Dakota is the only team in the NCC that the Mavericks are yet to beat. Miller had just 125 total offensive yards in his two games at quarterback against USD. With UNO's farewell to the North Central Conference set to follow this season, this year's home finale on Nov. 1 could be Miller's last chance to tame the vicious Coyotes.



UNO Volleyball stars Senior Carlie Christensen and Sophomore Ellen Thommes

Position - middle blockers
Alias - the two-headed monster
Super power - unlimited peripherals
Equipped with - spring-loaded arms
Scoop - Known to kill...a lot. In just nine games, the two lethal weapons at middle blocker have a combined 218 kills this season, over 43 percent of the team's total, and 86 combined blocks, which is over half of the team's production in that department. As long as Head Coach Rose Shires continues to find ways to maximize playing time for the two intimidators, UNO is only going to get harder for opponents to prepare for.

Arch-nemesis - Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs - Since Christensen and Thommes have shared a spot on this roster, the Mavericks are 0-2 against Duluth, without a single game won in either contest. UNO will face the Bulldogs twice this season, starting with tonight's match-up in Minnesota to kick-off conference play. With the confidence these two girls are playing with, tonight's contest should be anything but a rout.



Cross-country star Kaylen Harris
Alias - the machine
Super power - unlimited stamina
Equipped with - winged feet

Scoop - Known to run 80 miles a week during summer training...no joke. Harris was a four-sport athlete at Bellevue East High School, excelling in track, cross-country, softball and basketball. As a senior this year, Harris and her team are full speed ahead toward the 2007 NCAA Division II National Championships after a one-year hiatus. She finished fourth in the individual 5,000 meters against top-rate competition at UNO's first meet this season, just 40 seconds behind the first place runner.

Arch-nemesis - Ari Goldstein (UNL) - In the last two season-opening UNO/CU Invitational meets, Harris has posted extremely fast times in the 5,000 meters. However, she spent much of those two races staring at Goldstein's backside. Lincoln's junior captain was the only runner to finish ahead of Harris at Chalco both in 2005 and 2006. With her chance to face Goldstein again likely squashed, Harris will look ahead for new rivals, who could possibly serve as a motivational tool during her time this year among the conference elite. Kaylen Harris with even more motivation? That's the last thing NCC cross country coaches want to hear.

Mavs open conference play against Vikings

SEAN OWENS
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The 2007 Maverick football team will open their conference schedule in the friendly confines of Caniglia Field on Saturday afternoon. The Mavs have shown in their first two contests this year that they have what it takes to win football games. On Saturday the real test begins: conference play.

One year ago at this time, the Mavericks went on the road to face the Vikings of Western Washington and came home with a 38-10 win. This year the No. 8 ranked UNO Mavericks, coming off of a historical comeback win over then No. 2 Northwest Missouri State, face a tough Western Washington team that knows how to win.

"We're picked to be the let down team of the week," said Head Coach Pat Behrns

about a report he read, "We're picked to lose, and to me it's embarrassing that it is even considered about our program. I think this team will respond."

The Vikings will come into Caniglia Field this Saturday with an earned swagger in their step. Last week the unranked Vikings pulled their biggest upset in school history. In front of an estimated 9,690 hostile fans, they defeated the D-I FCS (I-AA) Aggies of UC Davis on the road. The win also earned them their fourth in a row dating back to last season.

"Two years ago UC Davis beat Stanford University," Behrns said about the D-I FCS team. "Any time you go into that place and beat them, it's an awfully big win."

The Western Washington offense is led by quarterback Adam Perry. Perry, a 6' 195 pound junior, threw for 362 yards and two touchdowns in the victory over UC

Davis, earning him NCC player of the week honors. Perry's offensive pieces consist of senior wide receiver Casey Dell, junior WR Travis McKee and sophomore WR Rick Copsey, who had a combined 19 catches for 258 yards and a touchdown in last Saturday's upset.

The Vikings also bring an efficient running game. Sophomore running

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Junior tailback Brian McNeil finds daylight in UNO's season opener against UNK.

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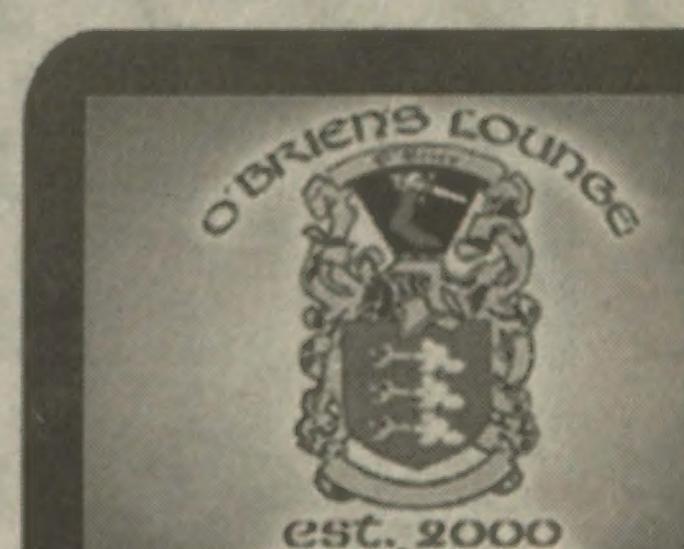
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Volleyball faces trip to Minnesota for conference opener

SEAN OWENS
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The Maverick volleyball team will look to continue their four-game win streak as they travel north to Minnesota this weekend. The American Volleyball Coaches Association's No. 14 ranked Division II Mavericks will open their conference season this weekend with a couple of barnburners. On Friday, Sept. 14, the Mavs will face their toughest challenge in No. 4 Minnesota Duluth, followed by No. 23 Minnesota State, Mankato.

"We're looking forward to the challenge faced against both teams this weekend," said Head Coach Rose Shires.

The Mavericks, coming off an impressive 3-0 sweep of Wayne State on Sept. 5, will be heavily tested in their conference opener against Minnesota Duluth. The 12-1 Bulldogs are led by six-foot senior right side hitter Vicky Braegelmann, a 2006 co-national player of the year and a three-time AVCA All-American. She is complimented by 5'11" senior outside hitter Katie Wolford, and 5'8" junior setter Katie Gangelhoff--both of who were 2006 All-Americans.

The Bulldogs of Minnesota Duluth are recipients of ten straight victories, and defeated UNO twice last year by 3-0 margins.

"They are definitely a tough opponent, but I feel like we are a better team than last year," Shires said. "I think we can stack up well against them this year."

The conference schedule will then continue on Saturday when the Mavs face No. 23 Minnesota State, Mankato. The Mavericks of Mankato, led by 6'0" junior

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back Craig Garner eclipsed the 100 yard mark in four of their last five contests dating back to last season. The lone sub-100 yard game came against the defense of D-I FCS (I-AA) UC Davis last week.

The defense of Western Washington is anchored by senior middle linebacker Shane Simmons. Simmons was rated as a 2007 preseason D-II Football.Com All-American candidate. The senior linebacker led the nation last season at the D-II level with 9.8 solo tackles per game until an untimely shoulder injury in week five. Simmons had 11 tackles and a fumble recovery in the win against UC Davis last week.

The Mavericks, looking well prepared for a highly ranked NWMS team, should have the same charisma going into their 2007 conference opener. UNO moved from No. 11 to No. 8 after their upset win over NWMS last Saturday night. In the victory, junior outside linebacker Jeff Souder was named NCC defensive player of the week for the second consecutive week.

Souder, who leads the NCC in tackles (22), had 15 tackles (6 solo), 3.5 tackles for a loss and a sack against the Bearcats. The defense must match the same intensity when they face a very productive Viking offense.

"More than the play of Western Washington, it's more about how we respond," Behrns said. "If we respond the way I think we can, I believe that we can play ball with anybody."

OH Ashley Nachreiner and freshman OH Amanda Beekman, look to defend their home turf against the No. 14 Mavericks of UNO. Beekman and Nachreiner lead their Mankato Mavericks in kills with a combined 298 between the pair.

The Mavericks of red will need to be on the top of their game to defend the kill combination Mankato possesses. These teams split their two-game series last year.

One of the main contributors to UNO's impressive 2007 start has been the play of sophomore middle blocker Ellen Thommes. Thommes is second on the team with 101 kills behind standout third-team AVCA All-American senior middle blocker Carlie Christensen, who has 117 kills in 2007. The pair leads the team with 86 blocks between them. Setting them up will be senior setter Katie Agnew, who has tallied 386 sets already this season.

The outside hitters, senior Nicole McLeod, sophomore Kelli Goeser, and sophomore Sara Kampschnieder have also played huge roles in 2007, posting 175 kills between them. These three will most likely need to pack their A-games this weekend if UNO is to have a successful conference start.

The defense will be led by junior specialist Annie Rice, who leads the team with 144 digs and 14 service aces. Complimenting her will be redshirt freshman Jamie Tooley and sophomore Kayla Jansen, who have a combined 219 digs between the pair in 2007.

"I think our team is playing really well right now," Shires said. "They are doing a good job of attacking opponents and staying mentally focused on the game."

The Mavericks are showing signs of vast improvement from last year and look to fare well in the NCC in 2007. Conference play is the measuring stick for which a team can be judged, and this weekend's Minnesota test should provide a first-class ruling.

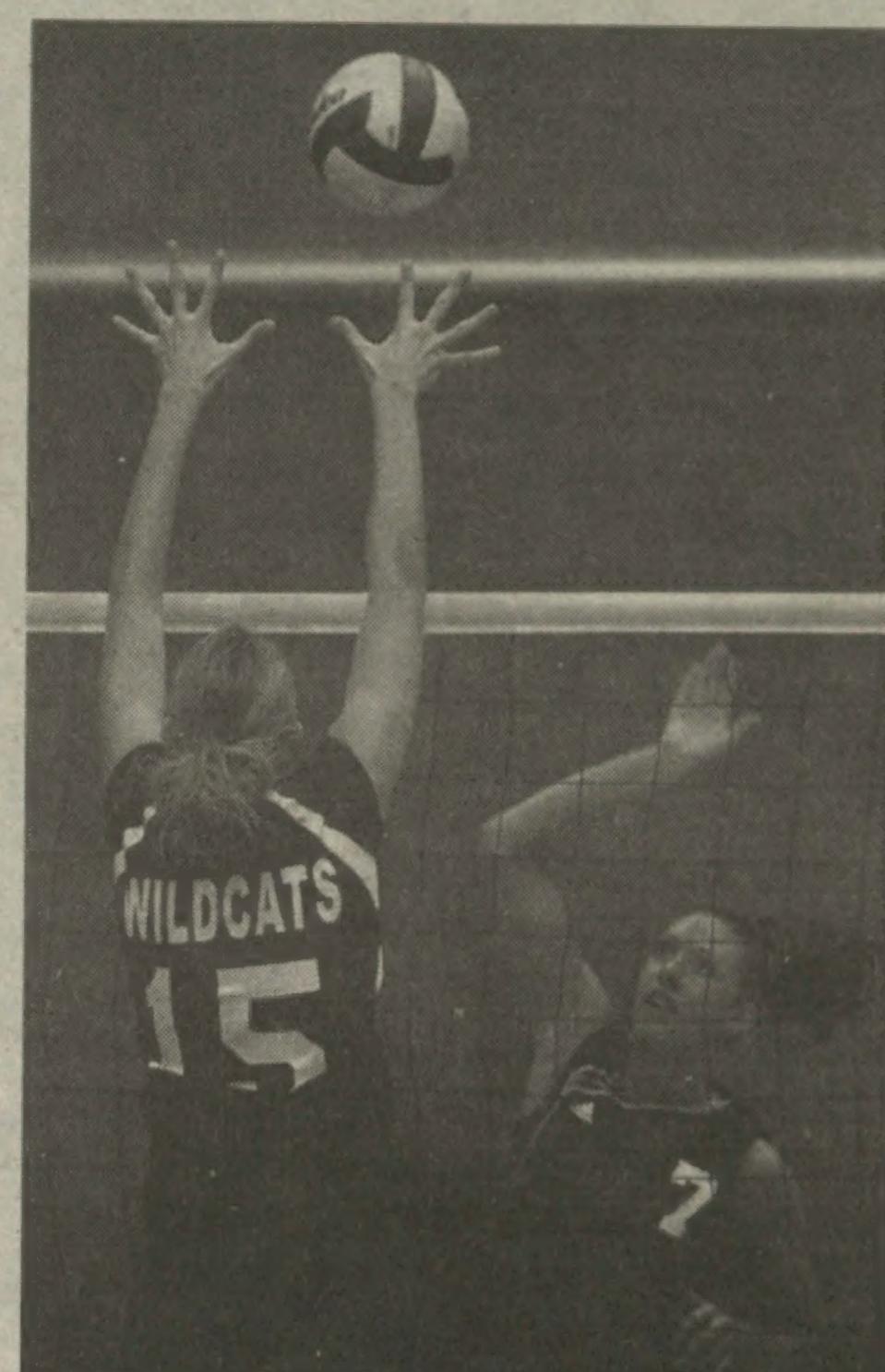


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Senior right side hitter Nicole McLeod beats a defender in a match early this season

Mavs finish 6th in golf tourney

KEVIN CLEMENS
STAFF WRITER

Senior standout Lynn Mulligan once again finished in the top 10 of a golf tournament, firing a 78-79 this week to nab her a seventh place finish in the Drury Regional Shootout in Springfield, Missouri. Following close behind was another one of the four seniors on this UNO squad, Lindsay Newton, who shot 80-82 to finish 21st.

Senior Sara Wolfe and sophomore Erin Ommen both struggled a bit with relevance to their usual sharp-shooting, tying each other for 30th.

The fifth member Head Coach Tim Nelson brought on the bus was true freshman Dani Suponchick. Suponchick opened the tournament with a solid 81, but hiccupped on the second day of the tournament for a total of 170, leaving her in a tie for 50th place. Sophomore transfer Abbey Weldon from Missouri Western also competed for UNO as an individual. Weldon played well, firing back-to-back 80's for a 16th place finish.

"The kids are playing well and they are playing competitive golf," said Nelson. "I thought we did a pretty good job and had to make adjustments for the weather. It was hot and humid one day and cold the next."

The tournament's large field brought together teams from all four regions

of Division II women's golf. There was a total of 18 teams present at the tournament, and the Mavs as a team grabbed a sixth place finish. Tarleton State emerged as the victor with a team total of 624, leaving them nine strokes ahead of Northeastern State. This tournament brought some of the best talent from all over the United States. All four regions were represented, with the Western region faring the best.

The par-72, 5,897-yard Rivercut Golf Course appeared to be a test for the golfers, which should prepare them for next week's Bandana Square Invitational in St. Paul, Minnesota. Nelson believes that this tournament is very crucial to the season, as many teams from the NCC conference will be present.

"[The Bandana Square Invitational] will show what we have to look forward to for the regional tournament and the NCC tournament," said Nelson. "We want to be the last team to win an NCC title and that was our main goal entering the season."

Next week's tournament in Minnesota should prove to be quite a test for this veteran Maverick golf team. This tournament will help Nelson's squad discover their place among conference rivals and look toward to the future, which hopefully includes bringing home the very last NCC title.

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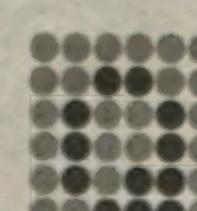
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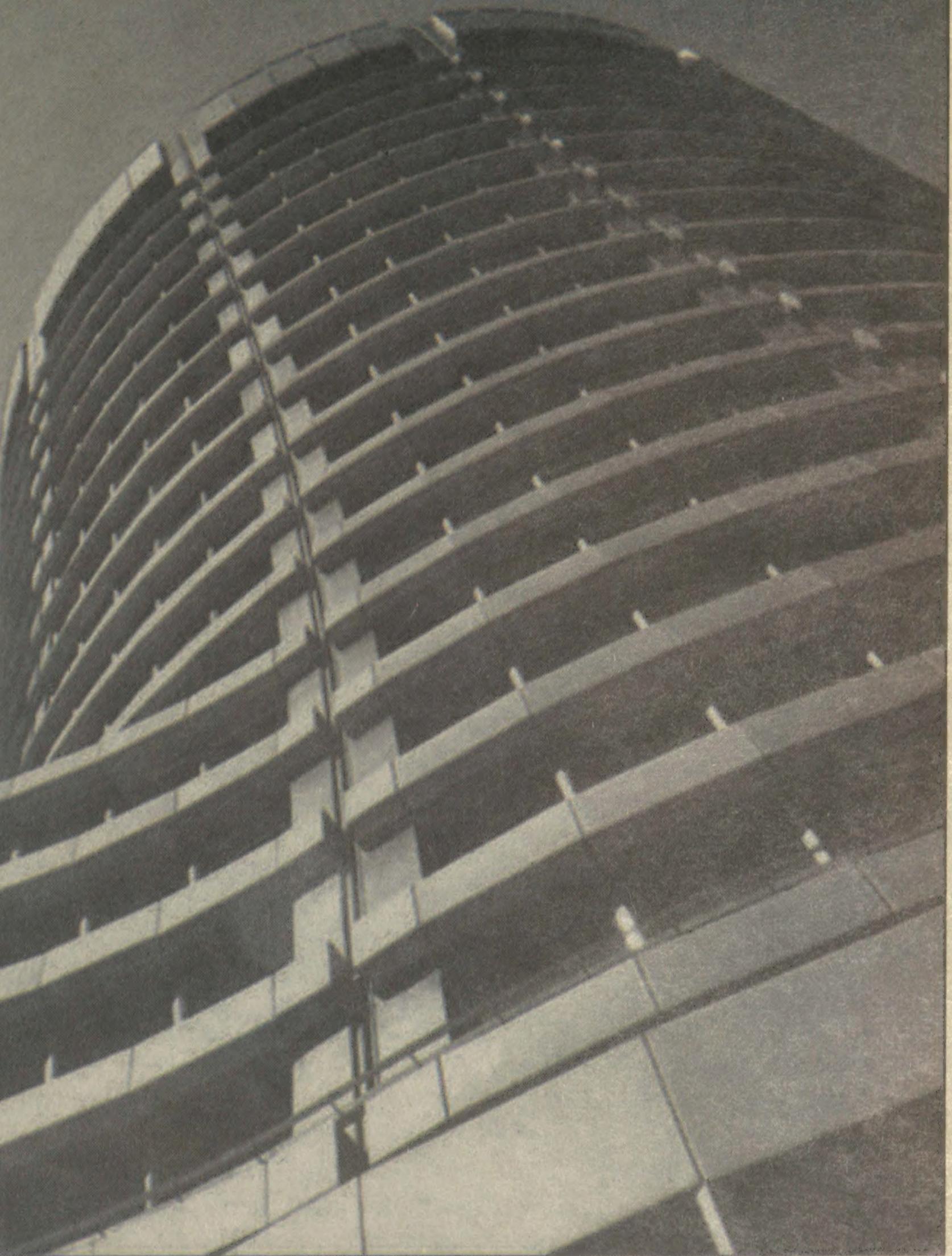
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